

**Question for written answer P-005465/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
Bendt Bendtsen (PPE)

Subject: Age discrimination

Does the Commission consider it consistent with EU law for a Member State to introduce a special tax on employment income for persons above the age of 65?

The European Court of Justice has previously ruled that non-discrimination on grounds of age is a guiding principle in EU law (see Case 144/04 – Mangold v Helm).